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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1953

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, WB, GE

SUBJECT: SENAT-GDR CURRENCY EXCHANGE DISPUTE: SCHUETZ'S LETTER
TO SINDERMANN

REF: BERLIN 1948

1. NO REPLY HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM GDR TO LATEST
SENAT DEMAND FOR MEETING BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 (WHEN NEW
MINIMUM CURRENCY REGULATIONS GO INTO EFFECT), GOVERNING
MAYOR SCHUETZ DISPATCHED MESSENGER WITH LETTER TO GDR
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SINDERMANN AT 2 PM,
NOVEMBER 12, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) VISITS ARRANGEMENT OF DECEMBER 20, 1971 WAS
SIGNED IN COGNIZANCE OF CURRENCY-EXCHANGE REGULATIONS
CONTAINED IN GDR DECLARATION RE TRAVEL AND VISIT
TRAFFIC. DECLARATION WAS ALSO PUBLISHED IN NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND DECMEBER 12, 1971 TOGETHER WITH VISIT
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ARRANGEMENT AS PART OF AGREEMENT PACKAGE;

B) CONTENT OF GDR DECLARATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SENAT AND AUTHENTIC WORDING TRANSMITTED TO IT BEFORE INITIALLING. FURTHER, IN CONTEXT OF INITIALLING CEREMONY AUTHENTIC TEXT OF THIS DECLARATION WAS AGREED (ABGESTIMMT) BETWEEN SENAT AND GDR; AND

C) CHANGE OF MINIMUM CURRENCY-EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT NEGOTIATING WITH SENAT THEREFORE NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH AGREEMENT (NICHT VERTRAGKONFORM) AND REGULATION TO GO INTO EFFECT NOVEMBER 15 DOUBLING REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDING PENSIONERS WAS VIOLATION OF BASIS OF ARRANGEMENT AS A WHOLE (GESAMTVEREINBARUNG).

2. (RE B, ABOVE, DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT, UNDER ALLIED PRESSURE DURING FINAL PHASE OF NEGOTIATION OF VISIT ARRANGEMENT, UNILATERAL GDR REGULATIONS WERE SEPARATED OUT FROM JOINT PROTOCOL SO THAT SENAT WOULD NOT HAVE TO TAKE OFFICIAL COGNIZANCE OF THEM. DOCUMENT WAS TURNED OVER TO SENAT AT INITIALLING CEREMONY AND AGAIN AT SIGNING CEREMONY, BUT SENAT DID NOT INITIAL DECLARATION OR EXPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGE IT AS PART OF ARRANGEMENT PACKAGE.

3. SCHUETZ CONCLUDED WITH DEMAND THAT GDR RETRACT NEW REGULATIONS, AT LEAST FOR WEST BERLINERS, AND CALLED FOR FUTURE MEETING TO CLEAR UP DIFFICULTY BEFORE NOVEMBER 15. SCHUETZ, HOWEVER, DID NOT SUGGEST CHIEF OF SENAT CHANCELLERY-LEVEL MEETING IN LETTER.

4. SENAT INDICATED IT DID NOT PLAN TO RELEASE LETTER BUT WOULD SAY THAT A SCHUETZ-SINDERMANN LETTER HAD BEEN SENT (LOCAL PRESS NOVEMBER 14 CARRIED STORIES OUTLINING LETTER'S CONTENT). A TELEGRAM FROM MITDANK REFUSING TO MEET KUNZE BEFORE NOVEMBER 16 WAS RECEIVED 3:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 13, BUT SENAT DID NOT KNOW IF MITDANK WAS AWARE OF CONTENTS OF SCHUETZ' LETTER BEFORE SENDING HIS REFUSAL.KLEIN

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